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Please replace Claim 3 with the following.

3. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein the particles dispersed in layer (I) have particles that, in two directions that are perpendicular to each other and are randomly selectable for each particle, each have a dimension of at least ten times the dimension of the particles in the direction having the smallest dimension.

Please replace Claim 4 with the following.

4. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein the particles used in layer (I) are layered silicates.

Please replace Claim 5 with the following.

5. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film contains, in addition to one or more layers (I), further polyamide-containing layers (II) containing no or less than 10 ppm nano-scale nucleating agent.

Please replace Claim 6 with the following.

6. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film contains one or more EVOH-containing layers (III).

Please replace Claim 7 with the following.

7. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film has an at least single-layer sealing layer (V) on one outer side of the multi-layer film.

Please replace Claim 8 with the following.

8. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film contains one or more adhesion-promoting layers (IV).

Please replace Claim 9 with the following.

9. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film contains, in addition to the layers (I) and optionally (II), (III), (IV) and/or (V), one or more further polymeric layers.

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Please replace Claim 10 with the following.

10. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film has only polyamide-containing layers.

Please replace Claim 11 with the following.

11. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film has only polyamide-containing and EVOH-containing layers.

Please replace Claim 12 with the following.

12. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 10 wherein said film has a thickness of from 13 to 30 μm .

Please replace Claim 13 with the following.

13. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein said film has been produced in the form of a flat film.

Please replace Claim 14 with the following.

14. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein layer (I) forms an outer layer of the film.

Please replace Claim 15 with the following.

15. (Once Amended, Clean) The film of Claim 1 wherein at least one layer (I) is subjected, after extrusion, to a stretching operation selected from: stretching only in the longitudinal direction; stretching only in the transverse direction; stretching first in the longitudinal and then in the transverse direction; stretching in the longitudinal and transverse directions simultaneously; and combinations thereof.

Please replace Claim 16 with the following.

16. (Once Amended, Clean) A method of using the film of Claim 1 in the packaging of foodstuffs on shape-fill-seal machines.